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- 3. A computer-generated English translation of the following Japanese Patent Publication has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office (<http://www.jpo.go.jp>), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See Reference 2.

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	2	JP B2 6-27953 w/ Abstract	11/14/1984	Japan		
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